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Sir:

On personal information and belief, I hereby declare the following in response to the Examiner's provisional obviousness rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Applicants' currently claimed invention embodiments in view of *Albrecht et al.*, United States Patent Number 6,826,004, hereinafter, "*Albrecht*".

1. The subject matter of *Albrecht* qualifies as prior art with respect to Applicants' currently claimed invention embodiments, if at all, only under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §102 (e), (f), or (g) and
2. The subject matter of *Albrecht* and of Applicant's claimed invention embodiments were owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same entity at the time of Applicants' invention.

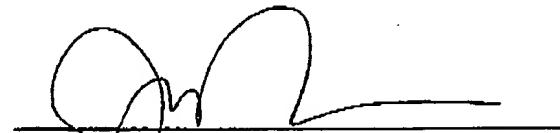
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Consequently, Applicants hereby submit that the patentability of the above-identified United States Patent Application is not precluded for obviousness as specified in 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

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